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Oft Reverend Father in God, Our Right Trusty and Entirely Beloved Counsellor, We greet you well. The continuance of this extreme hard Weather, exciting Our gracious compassion towards the poorer sort of Our Subjects, so much the more as that We find in Our Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and in the Parishes within the Bills of Mortality, that the very great number of such as by reason of the Weather cannot Work at their Trades and usual Employments, hath in a manner exhausted all Provisions and Charities that have been hitherto made for them; We have therefore thought it necessary at this time heartily to recommend unto you, and We do hereby expressly will and require you to take care, that as soon as it is possible a Collection be made of the Alms and Benevolence of all charitable and well disposed People within your Diocess of *Canterbury*; And that all the Moneys that shall be so Collected, being returned to your hands, be by you distributed (taking along with you the Notices that Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Counsellor the Bishop of *London* will be able to give you, he having already distributed great Sums of Money upon this Charity) among such Poor as live within Our Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Parishes within the Bills of Mortality; And that among them a special regard be had (as We have already directed the said Bishop of *London*) to poor Seamen, Watermen, and indigent House-keepers. We doubt not but upon this occasion you will call earnestly upon the Clergy of your Diocess, to do their part herein, with a Diligence and Zeal suitable to the Charity of the Work, and the great Exigency of the Time. And so We bid you very heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the second day of *February* 1683, in the Six and Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

To the Most Reverend Father in God,
Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely
Beloved Counsellor, WILLIAM
Lord Arch-bishop of CANTER-
BURY, &c.

By His Majesties command

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